

Claim 3 (original). The crackle finish of claim 2 wherein the latex wood filler is embossed with a design before it is dried.

Claim 4 (original). The crackle finish of claim 1 wherein the latex wood filler comprises an acrylic binding resin, talc, fillers and water.

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Claim 5 (currently amended). A method of forming a crackle finish on a surface comprising the steps of applying a base coat of a latex paint or stain to the surface, drying the base coat, applying a crackle medium to the base coat, said crackle medium adapted to contract when a water-based stain or paint is applied, drying the crackle medium at least to tack dry, applying a latex wood filler coat to the crackle medium, drying the latex wood filler coat, applying a top coat of latex paint to the latex wood filler coat, drying the top coat.

Claim 6 (original). The method of claim 5 wherein the latex wood filler coat is embossed with a design before it is dried.

Claim 7 (original). The method of claim 5 wherein the surface is wood and a sealer coat is applied to the surface before the base coat is applied.

Claim 8 (currently amended). A kit for forming a crackle finish on a surface, said kit comprising a latex paint or stain for forming a base coat, a crackle medium for application over the base coat, said crackle medium is adapted to contract when a water-based stain or paint is applied, and a latex wood filler for application over the crackle medium.

Claim 9 (original). The kit of claim 8 further comprising a latex paint for application over the latex wood filler as a top coat.

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Claim 10 (original). The kit of claim 8 wherein the latex wood filler comprises an acrylic binding resin, talc, fillers and water.

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